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A Delightful Day Spent at the Big Rock on Cove Mountain.

A BEAUTIFUL AND PICTURESQUE SPOT

From Which One May Look all Over Fulton County, See Across the State of Maryland and Behold the Mountains of W. Va.

As was announced last week the members of McConnellsburg Lodge, I. O. O. F. and their families, not quite all of them—of the members—together with a number of visiting brothers and other friends, took a day off and went up to the Big Rock on Cove mountain and spent the day most enjoyably.

There are few places in the State where Nature has done so much to lend attraction as to the Big Rock. Situated on the western crest of the Tuscarora, at an elevation of 2,000 feet above tide-water, one may walk out on the overhanging cliff, which is very easy of access from a nearby old field in which are shade trees, under which the lawn may be spread for lunch, and the old field, being comparatively free from stones, affords an opportunity for such games as croquet, quoits, horse-shoes, &c.—as one steps out on this great mass of rock—solid as the everlasting hills—there bursts forth a landscape view that thrills the heart with admiration.

Directly beneath you at a depth of 1,200 feet lies in panoramic view the Big Cove, one of the richest and most beautiful agricultural valleys in Pennsylvania.

From this eminence one has a bird's-eye view of the entire valley—its roads, streams, well cultivated farms, and attractive farm buildings, with here and there a clump of trees, or patch of the primitive woodland, while to the westward, rising in successive heights, are the Meadowground, the Scrub Ridge and the Siding Hill mountains. To the northwest your vision extends over Wells Valley and rests on the bold Broadtop; while to the southwest, you see Deneen's Gap and get the hazy outline against the western horizon of Town Hill—the mountain that separates Union township from Southampton township, Bedford county. Sweeping the horizon around toward the south, you behold the Potomac valley, with the beautiful mountains of West Virginia rising in the background.

Although twenty miles distant, under certain atmospheric conditions, one may hear the whistle of the locomotive on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and trace the course of its moving trains by the rolling clouds of smoke from the puffing engine.

Between 12 and 1 o'clock under the spreading boughs of a big chestnut tree in the old field, fifty persons were seated on buggy cushions, chair cushions and lap spreads around white linen table cloths on the green grass, upon which there was an abundance of fried chicken, sandwiches, rolls, melons and fruit, and to this menu the ladies added hot coffee, iced tea and lemonade. In about an hour most of this elaborate lunch had disappeared and the members of the party were turning their attention to some form of amusement or other. Several of the gentlemen kept the quoits and horseshoes hot most of the afternoon, while some of the ladies organized a baseball team, and with chestnut clubs and pieces of boards from store boxes as bats, a most interesting and exciting game was played. After a few innings the umpire mysteriously disappeared and we are, therefore, unable to lay before our readers the official score.

There was "something doing" all the time, and the call to supper reminded the party that the afternoon's sport was drawing to a close. The drive down from the top of the mountain in the evening, was delightful; and when the party had reached home, they would say why more days were not spent in this way during the summer at the Big Rock.

OF INTEREST TO PRESBYTERIANS.

A Brief Chapter of Church History. Big Cove's First Pastor.

On October 20, 1778, at a meeting of the Presbytery of Donegal "A call from the congregation of the Great Cove for Mr. David Bard was brought in and read. The commissioners, David Scott, and Nicholas Wilson, produced also a subscription paper amounting to 193£, 15s, which they inform (Presbytery) the congregation engage to pay annually to Mr. Bard if he shall become their pastor, reserving and allowing liberty of lowering the said annual sum, or raising it, as Mr. Bard and the congregation, in concurrence with the Presbytery, may agree, according as the value of the current money bears a relation to the necessities of life; yet that the annual sum shall not fall below, 100£."

Mr. Bard accepted the call. He was ordained at Lower West Conococheague church (now Robert Kennedy Memorial church, Welsh Run), June 16, 1779. He preached his trial sermon from Colos. 1:19, "For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell." On that occasion the Rev. Mr. Black preached a sermon on 1 Tim. 4:16 "Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine, &c." Rev. Mr. Craighead presided and the Rev. Wm. Linn delivered the charge.

As in the case of most of his successors, the reign of Mr. Bard as pastor of the church at McConnellsburg was brief. The records of Presbytery show that on the 21st of October 1779, Mr. Bard, who, in consequence of a call from the congregation in the Great Cove, agreed to officiate among them for one year, informs the Presbytery that he cannot continue his labors any longer in that place. "The Presbytery after hearing him on this affair judged that he is not any longer to be considered as the pastor of that people."

We cannot but wish Mr. Bard's reasons had been placed on record.

M. G. T.

From Asa Mellott and Wife.

Cambridge, Md., August 15.—With your permission, I will give my Fulton county friends a little sketch of our trip. We left home August 8th, took the train at Hancock at nine o'clock a. m. for Baltimore and arrived there at two o'clock p. m. We were met at the train by our nephew, Enos Mellott, we took dinner in the city and in the afternoon went through the burned district. At six o'clock we took the boat for Cambridge, and arrived there at 5:30 Tuesday morning. We were met by my son, Samuel.

After traveling all night we had a good appetite for the breakfast prepared for us at Sam's home. Cambridge is the largest town on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and contains 5 banks, 8 churches, 3 snuff factories, 6 canning houses, 1 basket factory, 1 barrel factory, 2 shipyards, 2 box factories, 2 sash and door factories, 3 grist mills, 1 fertilizer plant and oyster packing houses too numerous to mention. It is also one of the best fish markets in the State. It has six trains a day and four boats a day. "Watermelons, cantaloupes, peaches, tomatoes, sweet corn, sweet potatoes" is the huckster's song on the street now, and one can buy a large melon for a dime. We took a trip on a gasoline launch on the Choptank river and spent half a day in a sailboat, also. Another half day we spent visiting our niece, Mrs. Rachel Parks, and went shopping in the afternoon. We, also, visited Mrs. Harriet Mellott. Altogether, we so fell in love with the town that we invested in a house and lot on Trenton Street next door to where Sam lives. We attended morning services Sunday morning at St. Paul's church. In the afternoon we bade our friends good bye and left on the six o'clock boat for Baltimore, after spending a very pleasant week.

BRILLIANT WEDDING.

Miss Blanche Johnston Becomes Bride of W. W. Keggereis.

OVER ONE HUNDRED GUESTS PRESENT

Bride a Daughter of Lieutenant and Mrs. J. Walker Johnston of the Cove. Ceremony Last Wednesday Evening.

More than one hundred invited guests assembled at the home of Lieutenant and Mrs. J. Walker Johnston in Ayr township, on Wednesday evening of last week to witness the ceremony that made their daughter, Miss Anna Blanche the bride of Mr. William West Keggereis of Fannettsburg, Pa.

The weather was most propitious for the occasion. Suspended from the trees, in the lawn were numerous Japanese lanterns, and the old colonial mansion illuminated throughout presented a most attractive appearance as one approached the home in the early shadows of the evening.

Within, the parlors, halls and stairways were tastefully and lavishly decorated with evergreens and flowers.

Seven o'clock found the guests assembled in the large double parlor, at the west end of which, stood Rev. S. B. Houston the bride's pastor, and Rev. W. A. West, D. D., for whom the groom had been named and who performed the ceremony that united in marriage the grooms parents thirty-four years ago. At the organ was seated Miss Lucy Noble and the sweet notes of the wedding march coming forth was the signal for the entrance at the east end of the room of the ribbon girls Esther Kendall and Margaret Patterson, nees of the bride who with the measured tread of veterans opened a way through the assemblage for the march of the bridal party to the ministers.

First in the procession were the groom and the best man Mr. Roy Keggereis, cousin of the groom; then, came Miss Florence Owens of Lewistown, the bridesmaid carrying a beautiful bouquet, and, lastly, the bride, and her sister, Miss Maye, who was maid of honor. The bride, gowned in Paris muslin trimmed with real lace and carrying a bouquet of bride's roses and maiden's hair fern, looked very pretty. The bridesmaid wore deep cream soisette, and the maid of honor French lawn.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Houston and the prayer offered by Dr. West.

After the happy couple had received the hearty congratulations of their friends, delightful refreshments were served, and about nine o'clock the bridal party left for Mercersburg where they took a train Thursday morning for the seashore.

Among the guests from a distance were J. Elmer Johnston, Albion, Iowa; Miss Laura Wilson, Philadelphia; Miss Elizabeth Houston, New Castle, Pa.; Dr. N. C. Trout, Red Lion, Pa.; Ralph Johnston, Allegheny, Pa.; Tom and Miss Nell Park, Roy and Miss Maude Keggereis, Mrs. McCurdy and Mr. D. Keggereis—all of Fannettsburg; James and Miss Mary Johnston, Leonard and Miss Annie Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Johnston, James Wither spoon, Mac and Miss Mary Bradley—all of Mercersburg, and Miss Betty Bradley of Pottsville; Mr. and Mrs. W. McDowell, Lemaster; Mr. and Mrs. Grove Keefe, Chambersburg; Miss Florence Owen, Lewistown, and Prof. and Mrs. Geo. G. Chambers, Ridley Park, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Eitemiller and family, of McKeesport, Pa., are spending their annual summer vacation among their many friends here. Mr. Eitemiller has been with the L. E. railroad people during the past fifteen years, and thinks their road is the "whole wash."

MISS RACHEL HUMBERT.

Sudden Death of a Good Woman and Able Teacher.

On last Wednesday evening the community was greatly shocked by the news of the sudden and unexpected death of Miss Rachel Humbert at the home of her mother, Mrs. Thomas Humbert south of Big Cove Tannery.

About a year ago Miss Humbert was compelled to resign her school in Lancaster county to assist in the nursing of her father, and after his death, owing to her own ill health, was not able to resume the work of teaching, for which she was so well fitted, and which resulted in such great profit to her pupils. Up until the morning of her death she was able to share in the household. The evening before, she had employed herself in watering the flowers for which she had much fondness and pride. Failing to appear promptly, at the breakfast a messenger was sent to call her, who found her dead of heart disease.

Miss Humbert for many years had done successful work in the public schools of this and Lancaster counties, and scores of boys and girls who have been fortunate enough to have had instruction and inspiration from this quiet, self-reliant, dignified woman, will in her death experience a keen sense of personal loss, and be conscious possible for the first time of the great debt of gratitude they owe to her who first discovered and awakened in them the desire to rise to higher moral and mental levels. With the exception of her own family, she did not have, to any extent, the society of those who were her equals intellectually; but to compensate for any loss from such source, she was richly endowed with the reading and thinking habit, and made, through well chosen books the thoughts of the noblest men and women of all ages her daily companions.

In regretting her sudden death and our consequent loss, we, at the same time, contemplate with pleasure the lessons gained by her example, life and work.

Miss Humbert is survived by a widowed mother, two sisters and four brothers, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

S. M. C.

Thomas Harr Dead.

Mr. Thomas Harr, a well known citizen of Bethel township, died at his home in Warfordsburg, on Tuesday the 4th inst, aged about 64 years. Mr. Harr was a son of the late Samuel Harr of Ayr township, and went to Warfordsburg about twenty years ago.—There he married Amanda, daughter of the late John S. Covalt, who, with six children, survives him. His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at the Presbyterian church at Warfordsburg, and a large number of relatives and friends attended the services, which were conducted by the Rev. Thompson.

Mr. Harr was an honest industrious citizen, and was employed for fourteen continuous years by Rev. T. Davis Richards on his farm at Warfordsburg.

"One Better."

Covalt, August 17.—Mr. Editor, tell that oats man up at Hustontown that John H. Fisher threshed for Job Hess of this vicinity a crop of oats from six acres of ground drill measure which yielded 391.87 bushels, an average of 65.31 bushels per acre. The oats is a new variety and will be sold for seed next season.

SAM.

Miss Mary M. Houston, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Houston of the Cove, and a graduate of the McConnellsburg High School left yesterday for a short visit among friends in Pittsburg, after which she will enter Geneva College at Beaver Falls, Pa., for a collegiate course.

INJURY MAY PROVE FATAL.

Vincent H. Prosser Fell From Hay Mow to Barn Floor.

LOWER LIMBS SEEM PARALYZED.

His Injuries are of Such a Character as to Cause His Family Great Alarm. Formerly Resided Here.

Vincent H. Prosser, a former well known citizen of McConnellsburg, and afterwards proprietor of the Prosser House, Williamsport, Md., and who later purchased a large farm near Princess Anne, Md., where he has since resided, was greatly, if not fatally, injured a few days ago by falling in his barn. Mr. Prosser was found by members of his family who were attracted by his groans.

After he was carried into the house a physician was summoned and made an examination of his injuries. It was found that he was suffering from concussion of the spine caused by the fall and his lower limbs appeared to be paralyzed. It was also thought that he is hurt internally.

Mr. Prosser fell from the hay mow about twelve feet landing on his back. His injuries are of such a character as to cause the family great alarm. Mr. Prosser conducted the Prosser House in Williamsport for some years and was a popular hotel man and has many friends there and in this place. He sold the hotel and purchased a farm at Princess Anne, removing to that place about two years ago. Mrs. Dr. D. T. Leshner, of Williamsport, is a daughter.

PROMINENT CITIZEN DEAD.

Mr. Israel Hill Succumbs After a Lingering Illness.

Mr. Israel Hill, a most highly esteemed citizen, and a representative one of Bethel township's oldest families, died at his home on Wednesday night, of last week, aged 72 years, 6 months, and 4 days.

Funeral on Friday was conducted by Rev. C. L. Funk, who preached the sermon in Hill's Chapel, in the little cemetery, at which place Mr. Hill's remains were laid to rest.

Mr. Hill was an excellent citizen, a man of sound judgment, and had the highest esteem and confidence of a large circle of friends.

Many years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Jane Sharpe, who survives him, as do also the following children: Howard Milton, in this county; S. Brooks, in Indiana; Louie, married to Jackson Hixson and residing in Illinois, and James, whose place of residence we do not have.

WAS FIRST TO SEND SPECIMEN.

Mr. Albert Mellott Caught a Big Rattlesnake Alive and Sent it to Prof. Surface.

Last week one day, Mr. Albert Mellott, a Fulton county school teacher living near Sipes Mill, was out on the mountain picking huckleberries and came upon a big black rattlesnake. Reading in the News that Prof. Surface, the State Zoologist, wanted specimens of the various reptiles in Pennsylvania with a view to preparing a book on the subject, Mr. Mellott felt that here was his chance to help the work along, and at the same time make himself "solid" to get a copy of the work; so he took a string he had in his pocket, made a loop, and soon had the snake "dulled" same as boys sometimes catch fish. Without going to the trouble to take the fangs out of the snake, he boxed it and sent it to the Professor by express, and sent a warning to him by mail advising him to keep his fingers out of the snake's mouth until he and the snake got on confidential terms.

Wm. Edwards near Hustontown, last Saturday morning shot and killed what he believes was a gray eagle. The bird weighed 12 pounds and it measured 7 feet 5 inches from tip to tip.

CLEAR RIDGE GIRL.

Marries Prominent New York Doctor. Will Go Abroad.

Miss Elizabeth Cromwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cromwell, of Clear Ridge, gave the people of that village quite a surprise by marrying Dr. W. F. Jones of New York City, a well known physician and surgeon.

It had been known for some time among the more intimate members of the family that Dr. Jones had been a frequent visitor to the home of Miss Cromwell, but nobody suspected their intentions until an announcement of their marriage appeared in a New York paper.

Dr. and Mrs. Jones have taken a house at 323 W. 19th St., New York City where they will be for a few weeks, when they are going to make a tour abroad and visit the principal European cities.

ACCIDENT IN UNION.

Dr. James M. McKibbin Loses Horse and Buggy.

Early last Sunday morning as Dr. James McKibbin of Union township was returning to his home after a visit to one of his patients, he was driving his pair of spirited horses along, little thinking of danger. In passing through a piece of woodland, a tree had been left standing, which divided the roadway. When near this tree, the yoke broke, the tongue fell, the horses started to run, one attempting to go to the right and the other to the left of the tree. We leave it to the imagination of the reader to guess what would be likely to happen. It was all over in a very few seconds, and when an account of stock was taken there was one dead horse, another badly used up, a totally wrecked buggy, and a badly shaken up doctor, who, we are glad to note, escaped without serious personal injury.

HUSBAND AND WIFE HURT.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Hartman Truax Injured Going to Campmeeting.

Last Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. D. Hartman Truax of Belfast township, started to go to Crystal Springs campmeeting, by the road that leads across Siding Hill mountain from the Old Baptist church. Descending the west side of the mountain, the holding back straps broke allowing the buggy to push forward onto the horse when the animal sprang forward. Mr. Truax drew the lines up tightly when one of them broke turning the horse to the side of the road next to a fence. The horse now thoroughly excited sprang over the fence, dragging with him the now shattered buggy and rails. Mr. and Mrs. Truax became disentangled from the wreck in some way, but both were badly injured.

The unfortunate couple were taken to their home Sunday evening, but Mrs. Truax's condition is considered very critical.

Annual Teachers' Meeting.

The Annual Teachers' Meeting, preparatory to the opening of the schools will be held through out the county as follows:

Dublin	at Fort Littleton Sat. Sept. 3.
Tod	"McGovern's " " 5.
Ayr	"Webster Mills " " 10.
Bethel	"Warfordsburg " " 10.
Belfast	"Needmore " " 17.
G. Creek	"Emmaville " " 17.
L. Creek	"Harrisville " " 17.
Taylor	"Hustontown " " 17.
Thompson's Center	" " " 17.
Union	"Center " " 17.
Wells	"No. 2 " " 17.

Morning session begins at 9 o'clock, afternoon session at 1:30. A programme will be mailed to each teacher.

All are cordially invited to attend these meetings. Teachers especially cannot afford to be absent.

Very sincerely
CHAS. E. BARTON.

Justice S. C. Gracey, postmaster at Gracey, spent a few hours in town Tuesday.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Movements, as They Come and Go.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Home for a Vacation, Away for an Outing, a Trip for Business or Pleasure. You'll Find It Right Here.

Mrs. Anna S. Robinson, of Newport News, Va., is visiting her old-time friends in McConnellsburg.

Mr. Pott Philips and daughter, Elizabeth, of Little Cove, spent last Tuesday the guests of Mrs. S. M. Cook.

Mrs. Mary Rankin and daughter, of Sharon, Pa., are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Susan Egolf, of this place.

Miss Barbara C. Largent, of Chambersburg, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Largent.

Mrs. Jehu Edwards and Mrs. Mary Bergstresser of Wells Valley, were guests of the Misses Dickson over Sunday.

Mrs. T. Speer Dickson of Philadelphia, was a guest of her sister Mrs. H. S. Wishart a few days during the past week.

Miss Jennie Kuhn, of Cincinnati, O., has been visiting among friends in town and in the Cove during the past two weeks.

Mr. Moses Mellott, of Thompson, and Mr. Adam Clevenger, of the Cove, were among the early callers at this office Monday morning.

Mrs. William Rindollar and daughter Mary and Nettie Martin from Mercersburg are spending a few days with friends in this place.

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Kempter, of S. Thomas, accompanied by Mrs. Shoemaker and Miss Speer, of Baltimore, Md., spent Friday evening in this place calling on friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hoke and their children, Howard, Kathryn and Frank, of Saxton, spent the time from last Saturday until Tuesday mingling with their many friends in this place.

Mr. Will Reiser, of Lancaster, and Miss Grace Pretzman, of Millersville, have been guests during the past week in the home of the former's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Reiser of West Water street.

George S. Eitemiller, of Pittsburg, is another of the boys who likes to get back on his early stamping ground occasionally and mingle with his early friends. He is the guest of his mother Mrs. Catharine Eitemiller.

Miss Emma Lisle, of Fort Littleton, spent a few days last week in town with her friends, Miss Mary Wilds and Miss Gertrude Sipes. Miss Lisle will, in a few days, enter upon her second term as teacher at the Smith's school in Dublin.

Mr. R. N. Greathead, of Staunton, Va., spent a few days during the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Greathead. He was accompanied home by his daughter, Anca, and son, McCarroll, who have been visiting their grandparents several weeks.

Mr. John H. Craig of South Wayne, Wisconsin, who had been down at Boston attending the National Encampment, is spending a week with his father, A. J. Craig, E. q., at Big Cove Tannery. Mr. Craig has been absent from Fulton county for nineteen years.

Among the McConnellsburgers at the Crystal Springs camp meeting last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bender, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Scott, A. D. Hohman and Miss Olive Grissinger, Geo. B. Daniels and Judge Bender, Charlie Barton and Charlie Stevens, Ellis Lynch and Misses Irene and Mabel Trout, Frank Stoutegale and Miss Marden Stoutegale and Frank Mason and daughter Miss Jessie.